

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 185

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A RESOLUTION to commend Major General Terry M. "Max" Haston for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Adjutant General.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Major General Terry M. "Max" Haston is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for nine years as the seventy-fifth Adjutant General of Tennessee, in which position he has acted with resolute dedication while displaying the finest qualities of military distinction; and

WHEREAS, first appointed to Tennessee's highest military post on January 1, 2010, Major General Haston was reappointed to the post by Governor Bill Haslam on January 15, 2011, and since that time has performed his duties with drive, commitment, and an affinity for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as Adjutant General of Tennessee, Major General Haston has been responsible for the supervision of the Military Department of Tennessee, which includes the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, State Administrative Services, Tennessee Volunteer Challenge Academy, and the Tennessee State Guard; and

WHEREAS, a native of McMinnville, Tennessee, and current resident of Knoxville, Tennessee, Major General Haston began his military career in 1979 when he was commissioned as an Armor Officer in the United States Army at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, upon completing the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he was assigned to the XM-1 project and subsequently to the 2nd Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment in the 1st Cavalry Division, stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, as a Tank Platoon Leader; and

WHEREAS, his next duty assignment was with the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor of the 2nd Armored Division, where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Support Platoon Leader, and Battalion S-4; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving active duty in 1983, Major General Max Haston joined the Tennessee National Guard and commanded Company M, 3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Rockwood, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Major General Haston joined the Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) program and served as the 3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment Training Officer and S-3 until joining the 278th Regimental staff in 1989; and

WHEREAS, from 1992 until 1997, after successful completion of both the Tactical Commander's Development Course as well as the Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he served as the Regimental S-3, subsequently becoming the Commander of the 3rd Squadron, the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Phantom Raider Squadron) while simultaneously serving as the full-time support Training Officer for the Tennessee Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, after completing resident coursework and obtaining his master's degree in strategic studies at the United States Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, Major General Haston became the 7th Commander of Tennessee's largest unit, the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in April 2005, he was mobilized and deployed as the Chief of Reserve Components, Multi-National Corps Iraq (XVIII Airborne Corps), and upon completion of his tour in the Middle East, returned to serve in December 2005 and was appointed as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Training (J-3), Joint Force Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Major General Haston was appointed in May 2008 to serve as the Assistant Adjutant General – Army, at the Joint Force Headquarters for the Tennessee National Guard in Nashville, Tennessee, and carried out that role until January 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Major General Haston has received a number of medals, ribbons, and decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star; the Overseas Service Ribbon; the Iraq Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Service Star; the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; the Army Service Ribbon; the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hour Glass and “M” device; the Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Service Medal; the Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon; the Tennessee National Guard Service Ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Ribbon; the Combat Action Badge; the Army Parachute Badge; the Indonesian Parachute Badge (honorary); the Order of Saint George, Silver; the Danish Home Guard Meritorious Service Medal; and the Mississippi Magnolia Medal; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, the Commissioner of the Military Department Major General Haston is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his high school sweetheart and wife, Anne Brooks Haston, also a native of McMinnville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Major General Haston has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of Tennessee's military personnel; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Major General Terry M. "Max" Haston for his honorable and astute service to the State of Tennessee as Adjutant General and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.